Completion of 'KELO' Water Project

†1774. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) since when the proposal for constructing the KELO Multipurpose Water Project in Chhattishgarh has been pending with Government;

(b) the present cost of the project;

(c) the date on which foundation stone was laid; and

(d) the details of amount spent on various heads of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The Project Report of Kelo Irrigation Scheme costing Rs. 57.88 crore which was received in Central Water Commission (CWC) in May, 1988 for techno-economic appraisal, was examined and comments sent to the State Government for compliance. The Project Report was sent back in November, 1996 due to non-compliance of CWC comments for more than one year. Updated estimate of the project amounting to Rs. 188.18 crore was received in CWC in July, 1998. The State Government was requested to submit modified Project Report after incorporating the compliance of the comments which is still awaited. The clearance of the project depends upon promptness with which the State Government complies with the outstanding comments of the Central appraising agencies. The foundation stone for KELO Project was laid on 18th January, 1990 as per information obtained from the project authorities.

Irrigation being a State Subject, the primary responsibility for planning, investigation, funding and execution of irrigation and flood control projects rests with the State Government including provision of requisite funds for works and establishment.

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